

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. **Cancelled**

1 2. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 1, An~~  
2 automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3 comprising:

4 (a) a left panel on a left side of the automobile;

5 (b) a right panel on a right side of the automobile;

6 (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left panel near a left point of  
7 attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8 (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right panel near a right point of  
9 attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10 (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11 damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12 stiffener, wherein the body member is a side panel outer;

13 (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14 damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15 stiffener.

1 3. ~~(Currently Amended) The automobile body in accordance with claim 1, An~~  
2 automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3 comprising:

4 (a) a left panel on a left side of the automobile;

5 (b) a right panel on a right side of the automobile;

6 (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left panel near a left point of  
7 attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8 (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right panel near a right point of  
9 attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10 (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11 damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12 stiffener, wherein the body member is a side panel outer extension;

13 (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14 damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15 stiffener.

1 4. ~~(Currently Amended) The automobile body in accordance with claim 1, An~~  
2 automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3 comprising:

4 (a) a left panel on a left side of the automobile;

5 (b) a right panel on a right side of the automobile;

6        (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left panel near a left point of  
7        attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8        (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right panel near a right point of  
9        attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10       (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11       damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12       stiffener, wherein the body member includes a side panel outer extension and a side panel  
13       outer;

14       (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
15       damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
16       stiffener.

1       5. (Currently Amended) ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 1,~~ An  
2       automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3       comprising;

4       (a) a left panel on a left side of the automobile;

5       (b) a right panel on a right side of the automobile;

6       (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left panel near a left point of  
7       attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8       (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right panel near a right point of  
9       attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10        (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12        stiffener, wherein the body member is a rear panel;

13        (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15        stiffener.

1        6. (Currently Amended) ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 1, An~~  
2        automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3        comprising:

4                (a) a left panel on a left side of the automobile;

5                (b) a right panel on a right side of the automobile;

6                (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left panel near a left point of  
7        attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8                (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right panel near a right point of  
9        attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10               (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12        stiffener, wherein the body member is a floor frame member;

13        (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15        stiffener.

1        7. (Original) The automobile body in accordance with claim 6, wherein the body  
2        member further comprises a rear panel.

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1        12. (Currently Amended) ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 11, An~~  
2        automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3        comprising:

4        (a) a rear inner panel on a left side of the automobile;

5        (b) a rear inner panel on a right side of the automobile;

6           (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left rear inner panel near a left  
7           point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8           (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right rear inner panel near a  
9           right point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10           (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11           damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12           stiffener, wherein the body member is a side panel outer;

13           (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14           damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15           stiffener; and

16           (g) a box-beam parcel shelf rigidly mounted at a left side to the left rear inner  
17           panel and at a right side to the right rear inner panel.

1           13. ~~(Currently Amended)~~ ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 11, An~~  
2           automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3           comprising:

4           (a) a rear inner panel on a left side of the automobile;

5           (b) a rear inner panel on a right side of the automobile;

6           (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left rear inner panel near a left  
7           point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8           (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right rear inner panel near a  
9           right point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10           (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11           damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12           stiffener, wherein the body member is a side panel outer extension;

13           (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14           damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15           stiffener; and

16           (g) a box-beam parcel shelf rigidly mounted at a left side to the left rear inner  
17           panel and at a right side to the right rear inner panel.

1           14. (Currently Amended) ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 11,~~ An  
2           automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3           comprising:

4           (a) a rear inner panel on a left side of the automobile;

5           (b) a rear inner panel on a right side of the automobile;

6           (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left rear inner panel near a left  
7           point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8           (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right rear inner panel near a  
9           right point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10        (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12        stiffener, wherein the body member includes a side panel outer extension and a side panel  
13        outer;

14        (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
15        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
16        stiffener; and

17        (g) a box-beam parcel shelf rigidly mounted at a left side to the left rear inner  
18        panel and at a right side to the right rear inner panel.

1        15. ~~(Currently Amended)~~ ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 11, An~~  
2        automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3        comprising:

4                (a) a rear inner panel on a left side of the automobile;

5                (b) a rear inner panel on a right side of the automobile;

6                (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left rear inner panel near a left  
7        point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8                (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right rear inner panel near a  
9        right point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;



10        (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12        stiffener, wherein the body member is a rear panel;

13        (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15        stiffener; and

16        (g) a box-beam parcel shelf rigidly mounted at a left side to the left rear inner  
17        panel and at a right side to the right rear inner panel.

1        16. (Currently Amended) ~~The automobile body in accordance with claim 11;~~ An  
2        automobile body having improved resistance to torsional deformation, the body  
3        comprising:

4                (a) a rear inner panel on a left side of the automobile;

5                (b) a rear inner panel on a right side of the automobile;

6                (c) a left damper stiffener rigidly attached to the left rear inner panel near a left  
7        point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

8                (d) a right damper stiffener rigidly attached to the right rear inner panel near a  
9        right point of attachment to the body of an automobile suspension;

10               (e) a left damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the left  
11        damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
12        stiffener, wherein the body member is a floor frame member;

13            (f) a right damper stiffener extension extending from rigid attachment to the right  
14 damper stiffener to rigid attachment to a body member positioned rearward of the damper  
15 stiffener; and

16            (g) a box-beam parcel shelf rigidly mounted at a left side to the left rear inner  
17 panel and at a right side to the right rear inner panel.

1    17. (Original) The automobile body in accordance with claim 16, wherein the body  
2    member further comprises a rear panel.

1    18. (Currently Amended) The automobile body in accordance with claim 11 12,  
2    wherein the box-beam parcel shelf further comprises first, second, third and fourth ~~beam~~  
3    panel members, each ~~beam~~ panel member having lateral edges, and said ~~beam~~ panel  
4    members being joined at lateral edges to one of said lateral edges of an adjacent ~~beam~~  
5    panel member to form walls of the box-beam parcel shelf.

1    19. (Currently Amended) The automobile body in accordance with claim 11 18,  
2    wherein the first and second ~~beam~~ panel members are spaced substantially from one  
3    another, and the third and fourth panel members are spaced substantially from one  
4    another.

1 20. (New) The automobile body in accordance with claim 13, wherein the box-beam  
2 parcel shelf further comprises first, second, third and fourth panel members, each panel  
3 member having lateral edges, and said panel members being joined at lateral edges to one  
4 of said lateral edges of an adjacent panel member to form walls of the box-beam parcel  
5 shelf.

1 21. (New) The automobile body in accordance with claim 14, wherein the box-beam  
2 parcel shelf further comprises first, second, third and fourth panel members, each panel  
3 member having lateral edges, and said panel members being joined at lateral edges to one  
4 of said lateral edges of an adjacent panel member to form walls of the box-beam parcel  
5 shelf.

1 22. (New) The automobile body in accordance with claim 15, wherein the box-beam  
2 parcel shelf further comprises first, second, third and fourth panel members, each panel  
3 member having lateral edges, and said panel members being joined at lateral edges to one  
4 of said lateral edges of an adjacent panel member to form walls of the box-beam parcel  
5 shelf.

1 23. (New) The automobile body in accordance with claim 16, wherein the box-beam  
2 parcel shelf further comprises first, second, third and fourth panel members, each panel  
3 member having lateral edges, and said panel members being joined at lateral edges to one

- 4 of said lateral edges of an adjacent panel member to form walls of the box-beam parcel
- 5 shelf.